[Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar.]

(*d*) whether a considerably large quantity of crude oil is being purchased by the Kuttanad ryots annually for the purpose of draining out water from *punja* lands and *kayal* reclamations ; and

(*e*) whether the companies dealing in oils are supplying crude oil to certain estate owners and to the Tata Oil Mills, Cochin, at rates much lower than the rates at which they sell to other merchants and agriculturists ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : (*a*) The Transport Department does not use crude oil. High-speed Diesel oil is used for running the buses. The contract price of high speed oil is 6 annas 3 pies per gallon for delivery at Ernakulam.

(*b*) Burmah Shell Oil Storage and Distributing Co., of India Ltd.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*)

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Government have no information.

Selection of members for the Text-Book Committee.

96 ***Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair :** Will the Government be pleased to state the qualifications that weighed with them in selecting members for the present Text-Book Committee.

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : Representation of different branches of learning, interests and educational institutions.

Mr Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether it was the intention of Government that the different branches of learning, interests, and educational institutions should co-exist in the selection of members for the Text Book Committee ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : No, Sir, not necessarily.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether the members of the Text Book Committee have been selected on the sole criterion of their representing "interests" alone ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : No, not necessarily.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether there is any member in the Text Book Committee who has not got any of these qualifications ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : I do not understand the question.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether Government insist on the representation of the different branches of learning, interests and educational institutions existing at the same time when selection of members is made ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : It is not necessary.

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Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I take it that a representative without learning or other qualification is admitted as a member of the Text Book Committee?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Yes.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know the names of members selected as representatives of different branches of learning, other members selected as representatives of interests, and others selected representatives of educational institutions?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: I have not got a full list of the representatives. Thirteen members are persons with recognised ability in the important branches of studies like English, Malayalam Mathematics, Science, Tamil, etc. The remaining members who represent various interests include persons of recognised ability in the various branches of learning. There are representatives of private schools and colleges; representatives from the Legislature representatives of authors, publishers journalists, etc., and representatives of some unrepresented communities.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether representatives from the legislature were taken on that sole qualification?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Not on that sole qualification, but that combined with other things.

Mr. R. V. Thomas: (*Thodupuzha* cum *Meenachil*): May I know who are representing the various interests referred to in the answer?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: The interests are communal interest, publishers' interest and authors' interests.

Mr. R. V. Thomas: May I know whether, in selecting representatives from the publishers' interest, learning is also taken into account?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Certainly. I have only said that the person need not necessarily possess all the qualifications at the same time.

Mr. R. V. Thomas: May I know, who are the members that represent the various interests on the Text Book Committee?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: There are a number of persons representing them. They relate to authors, publishers and minor communities.

Mr. R. V. Thomas: May I know the specific names of the Text Book Committee members who represent those interests?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Can I read the names, Sir?

President: That is for the honourable member to decide.

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Mr. A. Gopala Menon: It is not in public interest to read out the names.

Mr. K. R. Elenkath: Is not the proportion of members who are scholars nominated to the Text Book Committee larger than those who represent the various interests?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Yes.

Complaints regarding the Mavelikara bye-election.

(6) ***Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any complaints have been made to them to the effect that Government officers were working against the State Congress candidate in the recent assembly election at Mavelikara; and

(*b*) if the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, what action has been taken in the matter?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: (*a*) Some complaints have been received.

(*b*) The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether complaints have been received by Government stating that some Government officers were interfering in the Mavelikara bye-election against the State Congress Candidate?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Yes, such complaints have been received.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether Government had any definite attitude regarding that election?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: No attitude, Sir.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Are the Government aware that Mr. A. Sankara Pillai the State Congress candidate is the brother of Mr. A. Narayana Pillai?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: That is a matter known to the member.

President: If the honourable member is inclined, he may answer it.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: I know that fact as well as the member himself.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the complaints received on behalf of Mr. A Sankara Pillai against the Government officers were enquired into?

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